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The only kind of bibliographical record yet devised which can be always current, and still be conveniently arranged, is a card catalog. Recognizing this fact, most libraries in the front rank of the science catalog their books by a card system. To enable such libraries to work together and in the best way, a committee of the American Library Association (a society having for members the leading librarians and bibliographers of America, and, we do not hesitate to say, the most skilful managing librarians in the world), made a report upon uniform title-entries, which was published in the *Library Journal* (1878, v. 3, p. 12-20). In a succeeding numero of the same journal (1878, v. 3, p. 113-115), a report was made upon the subject of printed title slips, and, to put into practical shape the rules laid down in these reports, a monthly list of the books which appeared in America, during 1879, was published under the name of *The Title-Slip Registry*. This list was printed on one side of thin paper, for cutting and pasting upon the cards of library catalogs.

To accord with the methods of work used and so carefully planned by the Library Association the mode of recording articles in PSYCHE has been changed, and, at present, the title slips which may be cut from the thin paper edition of PSYCHE are, in form and type, the same as those of *The Title-Slip Registry*. Slight changes in the record were necessary because PSYCHE records not only books but also the literature found in periodicals.

A few statements in regard to the most convenient form of using these title slips may not be inappropriate for such of our readers as are not librarians or bibliographers.

The size of card recommended by the American Library Association — and kept on sale by their supply department — is 5 by 12½ cm. The title slip is pasted in the middle of the upper portion of this card, leaving a margin of about 3 cm. at each end. The slips are then arranged in alphabetical order as an author-catalog; or, by writing a suitable catch-word in the left hand margin, they may be arranged as a subject-catalog. The right hand margin remains for shelf designation or such indication of possession as the owner may wish. These marginal notes may be written in pencil, thus allowing their possessor to arrange the slips, as best suits his purpose from time to time, by species, by genera, by families, or in the order of publication. Care should be taken, if one prizes the appearance of his list, to secure a paste that does not turn yellow by age. A child can do the pasting of the slips. Their value will be appreciated as they accumulate.

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